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1. In mid-September 1953, the Fuesilier Kaserne in Rostock quartered the 2d Kommando Rostock of Bereitschaft Schwerin of Gruppe Nord (Pasewalk). The unit consisted of 100 officers and 540 EM including 250 EM who were enrolled and sworn in since 1 September. Lieutenant Colonel Wildner (fmu) was commanding officer.¹ Captain Max (fmu) was chief of staff. Senior Lieutenant Schriemer (fmu) served as Polit officer. Chief of staff Frauendorf who was succeeded by Captain Max was purged from the KVP. The unit consisted of the 1st Abteilung under Senior Lieutenant Dannemann (fmu) which consisted of engineer, heavy machine gun and radio units; the 2d Abteilung under Captain Kuehnas (fmu) which conducted AT training for newly enrolled personnel; and the 3d Abteilung under Senior Lieutenant Koss (fmu) in charge of general training. On 8 September, 8x76-mm SP guns had arrived at the Fuesilier Kaserne. ²
2. In mid-September, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne in Schwerin was occupied only by a guard detail. Residents stated that the troops previously quartered there had left for Sternbuchholz. ³

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1. Comment. If correct, the information indicates that unit Wildner, formerly a Bereitschaft (Inf), of TV 5,000, was given the structure of an infantry regiment. At that time, the unit was subordinate to the TV 5,000 Schwerin. With a Bereitschaft Schwerin now mentioned, there is reason for believing that TV 5000 may have been made a division. Assuming that the former Sternbuchholz Bereitschaft now is the 1st Kommando, the problem of the 3d Kommando still remains unanswered, since the former Kletz Bereitschaft no longer belongs to the TV 5000 area. A similar situation was reported from the area of TV 3000 by deserters who referred to the former Loebau Bereitschaft with 3rd Mezz Kommando of TV 3000. It is believed that Gruppe Nord is Armee Gruppe Nord (TV 4000 Pasewalk) to which the Schwerin Bereitschaft is now apparently subordinate.

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2. Comment. The organization of the 2d Kommando mentioned in the present report is designed for training purposes. The personnel strength is about 50 percent of the present authorized strength of an infantry Kommando.

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3. Comment. This barracks installation previously quartered the headquarters of TV 5000 with one engineer and one signal unit each.